

# COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

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### **Agenda for Government Reform Business Meeting**

**What: GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING**

**When: THURSDAY, June 8, 2006, 10:00 a.m.**

**Where: ROOM 2154, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING**

#### **Background:**

The Committee on Government Reform will hold a business meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at 10:00 A.M. to consider the following:

- **H.R. \_\_\_\_**, the Reservist Pay Security Act of 2006;
- **H.R. 1167**, to amend the Truth in Regulating Act to make permanent the pilot project for the report on rules;
- **H.R. 4416**, to reauthorize permanently the use of penalty and franked mail in efforts relating to the location and recovery of missing children;
- **H.R. 4809**, Regulation in Plain Language Act;
- **H.R. 5216**, Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act of 2006;
- **S. 959**, the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act;
- **H.R. 5169**, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1310 Highway 64 NW, in Ramsey, Indiana, as the "Wilfred Edward 'Cousin Willie' Sieg, Sr. Post Office";
- **H.R. 5194**, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the "Harry J. Parrish Post Office Building";
- **H.R. 5224**, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 350 Uinta Drive in Green River, Wyoming, as the "Curt Gowdy Post Office Building";

- **H.R. 5426**, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the “Congressman Owen Lovejoy Post Office Building”;
- **H.R. 5428**, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Washington Street in Morris, Illinois, as the “Joshua A. Terando Princeton Post Office Building”;
- **H.R. 5434**, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 South Walnut Street in Chillicothe, Ohio, as the “Larry Cox Post Office”;
- **H.R. 5504**, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6029 Broadmoor Street in Mission, Kansas, as the “Larry Winn, Jr. Post Office Building”;
- **H.R. \_\_\_\_**, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located in Dimmitt, Texas, as the “Sgt. Jacob Dan Dones Post Office”;
- **H. Res. 498**, supporting the goals and ideals of School Bus Safety Week; and
- **S. 1445**, legislation to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the “William H. Emery Post Office”.

#### **H.R. \_\_\_\_ , the Reservist Pay Security Act of 2006**

The Reservist Pay Security Act of 2006 will be introduced by Reps. Tom Lantos (D-CA), Government Reform Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA), Committee Vice Chairman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) and James McGovern (D-MA). This legislation would entitle a federal employee who is a member of a reserve component and is absent from federal employment under a call or order to active duty for a period of more than 30 days to the difference between the amount of the civilian base pay that would otherwise have been payable to such employee for such period and the amount of military compensation received for the active-duty service. This language is identical to an amendment sponsored by Senator Richard J. Durbin (D-IL) that was adopted by the Senate as part of the FY2006 Supplemental that is currently in conference.

#### **H.R. 1167, to amend the Truth in Regulating Act to make permanent the pilot project for the report on rules**

H.R. 1167 was introduced by Rep. Sue Kelly (R-N.Y.) on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to amend the Truth in Regulating Act of 2000 to make permanent an authority of a chairman or ranking member of a committee of jurisdiction of either House of Congress to request the Comptroller General to assess the impact of any economically significant rule issued by a federal agency. The initial 3-year authorization for the authority was enacted by Congress in 2000.

#### **H.R. 4416, to reauthorize permanently the use of penalty and franked mail in efforts relating to the location and recovery of missing children**

H.R. 4416 was introduced by Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA) on November 18, 2005, to permanently authorize a program whereby federal agencies may include missing child notices on official mail. It also permanently authorizes the program allowing Members of Congress to include such notices on franked mail. These programs

were first authorized in 1985, however statutory authority for them expired in 2002. This legislation would ensure that federal agencies and Members of Congress can continue to assist efforts to locate missing children.

#### **H.R. 4809, Regulation in Plain Language Act**

H.R. 4809 was introduced by Regulatory Affairs Chair Candice Miller (R-MI) and Ranking Member Stephen Lynch (D-MA) on February 28, 2006 to amend the Paperwork Reduction Act to require each federal agency to ensure that regulations are written in plain, understandable language.

#### **H.R. 4846, to authorize a grant for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library**

H.R. 4846 was introduced by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) to direct the National Archives to contribute funds toward the establishment in Staunton, Va., of a library to preserve and make available materials related to the life of President Woodrow Wilson. The legislation would require non-federal matching funds of at least double the amount of the Archives grant.

#### **H.R. 5216, Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act of 2006**

H.R. 5216 was introduced by Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA) on April 27, 2006, to authorize the National Archives to establish an electronically searchable database of historic records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction contained within federal agencies for genealogical and historical research.

#### **S. 959, the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act**

S. 959 was introduced by Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) and passed by the Senate on December 16, 2005. Companion legislation, H.R. 2052, was introduced by Rep. Ben Cardin (D-MD) on May 5, 2005. This legislation would establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission to coordinate and execute activities commemorating the historic events associated with the War of 1812. An amendment may be offered that would make technical changes to the legislation.

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